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BOARD FOR FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

March 14, 2016
Wayne Twp FD
700 N High School Rd
Indpls IN 46214
6pm EST
Minutes

- A. Call to order at 6PM
- B. Consideration and approval of January 25th, 2016 minutes.
 - a. Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. John Brown seconded. Motion passed.

Present

Greg Wyant
Burke Jones
Tom Hanify
John Smith
Chris Johnson
Genois Brabson
John Brown
James Greeson
Eric Dreiman

Absent

Rob Lund
Eric Gentry

John Buckman made note the Eric Dreiman is now the Assist. Director of Training for the Indianapolis FD.

Chairman moved item I to this location.

John Cline discussion and finalize this issue. We had an objection to the 60 day notice from Mr. Cline's attorney. Case law states that the 60 days is a recommended time frame. Also, if good cause shown, the 60 day time frame can be delayed anyway. Jonathan Whitham recommended to overrule the objection. Chris Johnson made a motion to overrule the objection. Eric Dreiman seconded. **Motion passed.**

Counsel for Cline also requested a preemptive stay of effectiveness for the final order. Mr. Cline has held the certification throughout the proceedings until now. If we approve the final order, then his certifications will be revoked. Legal recommendation is that the Board issue a stay until the time frame for judicial review has passed, which would be 30 days from the date of the final order or until the conclusion of judicial review, whichever date is earlier.

Tom Hanify made a motion to continue the stay until the 30 days have passed or the Judge issues a final order. Chris Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Chairman Wyant stated that the proposed Final Order needed a vote from the Board. Tom Hanify made a motion to sign the final order as presented. Burke Jones seconded. **Motion passed.**

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Michael Cole – Instructor I - pending passing reciprocity test within 180 days
2. Troy Jackson – Fire Officer 1-2 and 3
3. Wm Alfke, Arsenal Tech ,
 - a. 655 IAC 1-1-12(e)

Krislin McCutcheon; Destiny Sims; Jose Tellez; Kellin Ortiz; Joshua Murry; Zachary Scudder; Adam West; Sha'Trice Graves; David Reyna; Jezer Munoz-Martinez; Erli Velasques/ Coulter Powell; Heather Chambers; Emmanuel Cortes-Palacios; Kocho Long; Cameran Skiver; Victoria Legear; Jordan Christian

- b. 655 IAC 1-1-12 (h)

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4. Jason Fisher – Pine Village FD
 - a. 655 IAC 1-1-12 (e)
James Hauser
 - b. 655 IAC 1-1-12 (h)
James Hauser

5. Jason Werle – Sellersburg FD,
 - a. 655 IAC 1-1-12 (e)
Sterling Hargrove; Kristefnar Glass; Zachary Jackson; Cody Burke; Dalton Barnett
 - b. 655 IAC 1-1-12 (h)
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6. Jeffrey Mason –Instructor I
7. Emily Hurr – Instructor I

8. Stephanie Bohanon – Instructor I

Item C, 1-8 are all following past practice. The Board can pull an item out for discussion, or can approve each item by specifically identifying which items are approved. This decision is up to the Board.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve items 1-8 in Section C. James Greeson seconded. **Motion passed.**

D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial)

1. Chris Tragesser - Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics

Lack of specific training documentation

Tom Hanify made a motion to table this request. We would like to see training pertaining to the FOST subject matter. Chris Johnson seconded. **Motion passed.**

2. Dustin White- Inspector I/II and Fire Officer I

Recommend tabling pending further information.

Burke Jones made a motion to table this until further information could be obtained. Chris Johnson seconded. **Motion passed.**

E. New Variance requests (staff has no recommendation)

1. Michael Logan is requesting for Instructor I to be able to be Lead instructor for Hazmat Awareness and Operations or any class that he holds a valid certification in.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve the Instructor I to be lead instructor using Board approved material. When the Board approves a book, then they are approving the prepared curriculum for that subject from that book. James Greeson seconded. **Motion passed.**

2. ADA for Dalton Barnett, Dakota Burke; Zachary Jackson. These individuals are asking for extra time for testing and tests to be read to them. They are attending the full modular system.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve the request. Geno Brabson seconded. **Motion passed.**

F. State Fire Marshal Report – James Greeson

1) Legislation

H 1090- LEPC changed requirements allow you to hold more than one position at a time. Also allows a proxy if you cannot attend a meeting, and if LEPC represent a county that does not have LEPC, then they can represent both counties, but must identify their home county.

H 1211- gave prosecutors a tool if there is a fire resulting from a drug house. This makes this a Class 6 felony and a Class 4 felony if damage is done to surrounding homes.

2) Telecommunication training meeting

We will be able to offer extra training for these people. This is one of the new initial starts of the Academy System.

3) Leadership seminars- completed all 3 of these meetings and they were very well attended.

4) Volunteer Fire Chief orientation

April 7 – Sheffield Twp – Tippecanoe County

April 12 – Walnut Creek Training Center – Gas City

April 15 – Washington Twp VFD – Davies County

April 26 – Letts VFD – Greensburg

These are 4 hours long, and I encourage you to attend these. You do not have to be a Fire Chief to attend these. All are welcome.

5) Road show

IDHS has this in all 10 districts. I encourage all directors to attend these. They are about grants, the Marshal's office, about what we do. This information is on our web site.

G. Director of Training Report – John Brown

We are putting on the state level exercise at the MUTC in Sept. This will involve oil spill event, mass casualty, fire. We are listing scheduled events on our state calendar and we do have events planned and listed.

H. Director of Fire Training Report – John Buckman III

We have notified the students from the Chris See classes that they have been requested to participate in a skills evaluation.

Marshal Greeson spoke about how a letter was sent to all 22 students and set up a meeting at a neighboring dept. No one from that dept. showed for the meeting. Burke Jones asked for a spread sheet showing the number of man hours involved from staff while trying to get these individuals certified.

Genois Brabson made a motion to add this to the instructor template. John Smith seconded.

Motion passed.

1. Consider adding the white paper on Taking action Against Firefighter Cancer to Firefighter I, Instructor 1 and Fire Officer 1.

I am asking the Board to approve adding this to the planning template for these classes. It will not had questions to the test, there are no skills, and it's just a short talk about the dangers involved and the cancerous results.

2. Interpretation of “prepared curriculum” for Instructor I as Lead Instructor

The board agreed that prepared curriculum was any curriculum from the publisher of an approved book.

3. 655 rule update

Major discussion on this issue. A task force will be formed consisting of equal amount of career, combo and volunteer individuals. Also, try to balance the size of the dept. We do not want all large depts. and leave out the smaller depts. We will meet at the IVFA conference for our first meeting and have a work shop prior to the Board meeting.

Staff has made a list to start with what we see needs changed. This is not a full list by any means, but it is a starting point. We will get one shot at changing/updating the rules so we need to make sure we get the hot topics corrected. This can take up to 1 year or more to finalize but we do want to get it right. James Greeson remarked that pulling from the

instructors that complete the reciprocity test would be a good group to pull from. They should know what works and what really does not matter or what does not make sense. Chris Johnson made a motion to create a task force to look over the rules and create a list of the top most issues. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

4. Instructor I to be kept current for Instructor II/III?

This is not automatic in the system. You have to manually do this. Recertification hours are the same for both.

Options:

- a) Only recertify the high level
- b) Recertify both levels
- c) No action
 - o When you renew 2/3 auto renew 1 and put on same date
 - o Reinstate the old 1 if they have active 2/3
 - o How does EMS do this
 - o What pit falls are involved in doing this

Board directed staff to come to April meeting with information on how to do this and what would the pitfalls be in doing this.

5. Technical Rescue update- Russ Shoaf

The rescue banks are on schedule to update all of them and have them ready to go by Feb 2017. The committee voted to go with the 1006 instead of the 1670 at this time. Legal spoke about the issues involved with changing standards at this time, when the Board has not adopted the 1006. With the rule changes this will be included but will not be a valid rule by the date mentioned. Chief Shoaf stated that books were no longer available to our current banks which is part of the reason for updating to the new standard. Again, legal advised that this could not be done in the time mentioned. Chief Shoaf was directed by the Board to continue with the updating, but could not go into effect until the rule upgrades. Chief Shoaf asked if the rules could read “most current edition” Legal stated that we could not do this. Staff will look into how to get this done.

6. Certification data report

The report shows the levels of certifications has risen over the last year. In some cases there has been a 40% increase. Overall the growth is enormous from the last few years until now and so far this year, we have exceeded last year.

I. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders

- 1. John Cline status - Moved to item 1 on the agenda due to quorum at the beginning of the meeting

J. Request for Administrative Appeals – Chairman

1. Dawn Horvath appeal sent to legal on Feb 1, 2016

K. Old Business

No report at this time

L. New Business

Larry Curl – as a member of a career dept. once you are hired or rehired you can train, for you become a volunteer you have to complete your training. This is an IC code. We violate this every day. You get hired as a volunteer and then you get your training. This is in the real world.

M. Open discussion, comments, questions?

No report at this time

N. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

O. Next meeting:

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